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What I was trying to do was not dine in the ordinary course of the proceedings. So now I'm not going to take a cheap shot at it because I feel that the issue is not grave enough to give the Governor this kind of hand. Some people will say that I don't understand the issue. Maybe I don't understand it according to somebody else's mind, but I understand it according to my own and I can only act according to my own judgement. So I hope that at least 27 of you will join Senator Schmit, Senator Carsten and myself in voting to over ride the Governor this morning.

PRESIDENT: Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, members of the legislature I feel that there comes a time when there are problems that exists in our larger cities that we rural Senators have to consider.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter, we gave just a little more---

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, members of the legislature I feel that there are times when there are problems in our cities, that the rural Senators have to consider and I feel that this is one of those times. Here we have the cities of Omaha and Lincoln, expanding in size. We have some of our central clothing stores, and so forth moving out into the shopping centers. We give them that right. It is in my judgement an unalienable right. In the economy, our capitollistic economy which we have. Now then, it seems to me that this is not going to hurt our rural bankers. We are going here to permit with control by the State banking commissioner, teller windows out in the fringe areas, lets say of Lincoln and Omaha and other first class cities. This seems to me it is a natural trend. We should permit this sort of thing to happen. Now I have had bankers call me from my legislative district and I may never get elected again because of this stand I am taking today, but I feel that there are times when the rural Senators have to look toward the cities and see that they have problems that the people want to have these teller windows out in the fringe areas and they need these opportunities in order to continue to trade with the banks that they are now trading with. A person told me yesterday in Lincoln, that we changed banks just because we didn't want to drive clear down to the city the central part of this city, in order to make deposits. They changed banks. Now anybody here can buy stock in these city banks. They opened their records to you so that you can buy stock if you want to. They are public institutions and of course they are private too, but any person in the public can buy stock in these banks if they want to and participate in this and so I feel that this is something that we have to recognize that these cities are growing and as the cities grow, the banks have to grow with them, and this then in my judgement is something that we have to do, it is in this case to over ride the Governor's veto.

PRESIDENT: Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: And then there was the other side of the coin. Senator Schmit brags that the banking department is going to see that things are done just fine and proper and his cohort Senator Carstens, gets up and says that banking department just turned over Elm Creek to the big banks. I don't know, must be two different banking departments. Senator Whitney describes the fact that you can't buy stock in a small bank, and I'm not going to ask him how many share holders he has in his business, however I say again as I said initially. This is not an issue for us. I would not want to see Senator Whitney crucified by

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